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U.S. Patent Application No. 10/560,273 filed 12/08/05

Applicant: Norris et al.

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DELIVERING AUDIO-VISUAL

CONTENT ALONG A CUSTOMER WAITING LINE

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Attorney Docket No. 00025-22010 (old # 21902.PROV.PCT.US)

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